

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yuuji SAWAI, et al.

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**SERIAL NO:**New Application

**EXAMINER:**

FILED: Herewith

FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, IMAGE TRANSFERRING DEVICE AND RECORDING MEDIUM CONVEYING METHOD

## REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

- Full benefits of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/306,004, filed November 29, 2002, now pending and U.S. Patent Number 6,516,179, issued February 4, 2003 are claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	11-308404	October 29, 1999
Japan	2000-113703	April 14, 2000
Japan	2000-249856	August 21, 2000

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- are submitted herewith
- will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/696,959 filed October 27, 2000, now Patent No. 6,516,179 issued February 4, 2003
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number  
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- (B) Application Serial No.(s)
  - are submitted herewith
  - will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

Respectfully Submitted,

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